

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- First Sunday Holy Communion 8 and 11 a.m. (said). Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Second Sunday Family Eucharist 10-15 a.m. Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Third Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Evensong 6-45 p.m.
Fourth Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Evening Eucharist 6-45 p.m.
Fifth Sunday Holy Communion 8 a.m. Family Service 10-15 a.m. Evensong
6-45 p.m.
Holy Baptism 3rd Sun., 3 p.m. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least
seven days before).
Sunday School 10 a.m. Over 7, Meeting House. Under 7, Parish Room and
Village Hall.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

- Churchwardens Mr. J. F. Ives, 45, Brewers Lane.
Mrs. N. Clark, Pennyfields, Aldington.
Clerk Mr. E. Mitchell, 68, Synehurst.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- First Sunday and
Festivals Holy Communion 9 a.m.
Third Sunday Family Eucharist 11 a.m.
Every Sunday Evensong 5-30 p.m. (3 p.m. November - February).
Sunday School 11 a.m. (except 3rd Sunday), Village Hall.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice in porch.

- Churchwardens Mr. J. E. Parry, Wickham House. (Badsey 244).
Mr. H. J. Dunkerley, Gallipot Farm, Broadway (Badsey 395).
Clerk Mr. C. H. Willis, 35, Pitchers Hill.

16th October, 1968.

My dear People,

I thought the response at Harvest Thanksgiving was much better this year than of late. Both churches looked really beautiful, thanks not only to the gifts brought, but to the hard work and fine talent of those who arranged them. We are fortunate, too, in both parishes in having willing teams of helpers to arrange and take baskets to the sick, or to provide transport for this. Then there was that miracle of catering, the Badsey Harvest Supper, at which Mrs. Bell and her helpers managed to serve up an appetising meal to 115 people in the Meeting House.

Remembrance Sunday

As the world wars recede more and more into the past, and the proportion of people who took part and suffered in them dwindles, the question of Remembrance Day observance causes some heart-searchings. Some say: let it die a natural death; it will be a mistake to keep it alive artificially when it no longer has meaning for most of the population. Certainly such people would be right if it were retained as a folklore survival like Guy Fawkes Day, or a day for nostalgic and sentimental memories. The real question is: would not the spiritual well-being of the nation be impoverished if there ceased to be an Annual Day of Remembrance? A nation forfeits its sense of identity if it loses its memory. About 200 years ago, a great British statesman Edmund Burke, writing of the nation as a partnership, said: "It is not a partnership in things subservient only to the gross animal existence of a temporary and perishable nature. As the ends of such a partnership cannot be obtained in many generations, it becomes a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead, and those who are to be born".

National Remembrance is literally the re-remembering of our nation - drawing together the members of our partnership: the living, the dead, the yet unborn. And in the case of a Christian nation the remembrance that matters is our being re-remembered in Christ, who said: "Do this in remembrance of me".

An annual day of remembrance is even more necessary in these times when the British people is being pulled apart by divisive nationalisms. Personally I think the people of Scotland and Wales are entitled to some form of responsibility and control over their own affairs, as has long been accorded to the people of Northern Ireland. But separation would be tragic. English, Scots, Welsh and Irish - we have now lived and fought and laughed and suffered together for so many generations as one people. We need one another; we have each learnt to value the peculiarities of the others, and to love them for them. If we are to remain one people, then in this sense also some re-remembering is necessary, a re-gathering together of what is being fragmented.

Remembrance Sunday was in danger of becoming a day of memories. Memories are not the same as remembrance. As a day of memories, it is bound to be ignored, even derided, in a few years' time. Most of us therefore will welcome the new form of service for Remembrance Sunday which has now been issued under the authorisation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Archbishop of Wales, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

"The service is designed to reflect the changing significance of Remembrance Sunday. In addition to thank-

fulness for past sacrifice and deliverance, it provides for penitence for present shortcomings, and for dedication to the service and future welfare of mankind. So it contains some elements that are traditional and familiar side by side with others which are new. Those who framed it have taken account of the current trends of thought in the various Christian Churches. It will be found particularly suitable for ecumenical gatherings".

I have ordered sufficient copies for the congregation, and we shall use the new form of service on Remembrance Sunday, in Badsey Church at 10-45 a.m. and in Wickhamford Church at 3 p.m.

Anglican-Methodist Unity

A year ago I wrote as follows in this magazine: "It is not only regrettable, but dangerous, that the original time-table for implementing the proposals for Stage 1 (full Communion between members of the two Churches) has been considerably extended. At the earliest it could not now be achieved before 1971, if all went well (and the 'if' has now become a very big 'if'). I said then that I believed this delay to be the work of the devil, and I think the last 12 months have shown this all too clearly. All he has to do, I then wrote, is "to slow down the momentum, in order to give plenty of time and scope for the extremist pressure groups in either Church to get to work. 'Keep 'em talking', that is his method"... The longer we go on, the more are the snags brought to light and the hesitations and reservations made".

There seems to be now quite a serious possibility of the whole thing falling down. There would probably be a majority of clergy and laity in both Churches in favour of the scheme, but majorities so small as to make postponement seem the safest course. This would, I think, be a disastrous setback to the whole movement for Christian Unity, and would show an appalling lack of faith.

What many of the hesitant doubt-raisers seem to forget is that it is not a marriage which is to be effected at this stage, but an engagement. The idea of Stage 1 is that, after a joint act of reconciliation, the members of both Churches should be free to partake together at the Lord's Table, and that through this shared experience there might be a period of 'growing together'. Anyone would think, from what some of the pressure groups are saying, that some great renunciation of fundamental beliefs is being called for. This is not so.

We are told now that the representative bodies of both Churches will take a vote in the summer of 1969. In the meantime Diocesan Conferences have to send their answers to 4 questions, and there will probably be a special meeting of Worcester Diocesan Conference in December. Both our P.C.C.'s will consider the final report of the Anglican-Methodist Unity Commission at their next meeting.

Public Baptism

Both P.C.C.'s have now thought out arrangements for making public baptism of infants much more evidently the corporate act of the people of God, which it is always intended to be. At Wickhamford, in the past, baptisms have been arranged between me and the parents for a convenient Sunday, as the need has arisen. Now the population and number of births in the parish have so considerably increased, there will be a regular Sunday each month on which baptism will be administered. This will be the 2nd Sunday at 3 p.m., beginning in December. So that it can be in the face of the congregation it will be administered at Evensong, which on the 2nd Sunday, throughout the year, will be at 3:00 instead of 5-30. (From Nov. to Feb. Evensong is at 3-0

every Sunday). This month however, Baptism will be on the 1st Sunday, Nov. 3, at Evensong at 3 p.m.

At **Badsey** the new arrangements will also begin in **December**, and the P.C.C. agreed to try them experimentally for 5 months. Holy Baptism will be administered at choral Mattins on the **4th Sunday**, at **11 a.m.** in November it will be at 3 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday as before.

The new Baptism service which is being used is quite short, and with Mattins or Evensong abbreviated as necessary, the whole service need not take more than 50 minutes.

What an important event it is for a family - every member of it - when a new baby is born! Baptism is the sacrament of New Birth. It concerns the whole Christian Family. It is hoped that by these arrangements not only the parents and sponsors (and ultimately the children), but also the congregation, will gain a deeper insight into the significance of this family event.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

One or two adults have expressed a desire to be prepared for Confirmation and Holy Communion and I want to start classes soon, so I shall be glad if other intending candidates will let me know immediately.

The classes for younger candidates will now be weekly, beginning on Nov. 6. The Confirmation in Badsey Church will be on Sunday, 23rd March, 1969. P.B.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services

Nov.

- 1 Fri. **ALL SAINTS' DAY**. 10-0 H.C. 3 p.m. St. John Ambulance Brigade Cadets' Enrolment Service.
- 2 Sat. Commemoration of All Souls. Departed souls will be remembered by name at the altar next day, Sun., at 8 and 11 a.m. Please give names to the Vicar in writing before Sat. evening.
- 3 **Trinity 21**. As for 1st Sun.
- 6 Wed. St. Leonard, Abbot. 10-0 H.C.
- 10 **Trinity 22. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** 8-0 H.C. 9-45 Sun. Sch. and Junior Ch. Fellowship. **10-45 Service of Remembrance** (Collection for Earl Haig Fund). 6-45 Evensong.
- 13 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 17 **Trinity 23**. St. Hilda, Abbess. As for 3rd Sun. 3-0 Holy Baptism.
- 20 Wed. St. Edmund, K. & M. 10-0 H.C.
- 24 **Sun. next before Advent**. As for 4th Sun. At Sung Eucharist, 6-45 p.m., presentation of missionary boxes. (See Note below).
- 27 Wed. 10-0 H.C. 3-0 Pram Service.
- 29 Fri. 3 p.m. Intercessions in church for the Mission of the Church.
- 30 Sat. **St. Andrew, Apostle**. 10-0 H.C.

Dec.

- 1 **1st Sun. in Advent**. As for 1st Sun.

P.C.C. Outing, Tues., Nov. 12th.

Missionary Boxes. These will be offered at the altar at 6-45 on the last Sunday in November, 24th (also the last Sunday in the Christian year). Please bring your boxes to church on that day, or give them **beforehand** to Miss N. E. Smith, Pool House. Mrs. Crisp will also be glad to have Children's boxes returned at this time.

Mothers' Union. Wed. Nov. 6th 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tues., 12th. 2-30 Branch Meeting. Mrs. Cresswell of Chipping Campden: Talk & Demonstration on Beauty Care. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Bell (Committee), Mesdames Holley, Izod and Major.

Tues., 26th. 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Worth, of Clifford Priors, "Reality of Angels". Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Perkins (Committee), Mesdames Marshall, Reed and Richards.

Advance Notice of our Coffee Morning to be held at Mrs. Bell's house on Dec. 3rd for M.U. funds, from 10-0 to 12-0. Bring & Buy Stall, and bring all your friends. J.B.

Holy Baptism

Oct. 20 Anna Carolyn Portergill; Rebecca Anne Sparrow.

Holy Matrimony

- Sept. 28 Timothy Hatcher, of Badsey, and Margaret Fullard, of Fairfield, Evesham.
- Oct. 12 David Allan Pritchard, of Crophorne, and Doreen Collett, of Badsey.
- .. 14 Victor Giles Sawyer, of Fairfield, Evesham, and Dorothy Mary Parnell, of Badsey.
- .. 16 Derek Francis Harwood, of Badsey, and Margaret Ann Hartiss, of Sheriffs Lench.
- .. 19 John Sharp, of Hampton, and Ann Elizabeth Gresty, of Badsey.

Burial, R.I.P.

Sept. 23 Lilian Mary Langstone, aged 56.

Her death was referred to in last month's number. Her love of life was very strong, and this no doubt partly accounted for her amazing survival for so many months, when according to usual medical experience she should have died. May she know the joys of life eternal in Christ.

Jottings. We are very grateful to Mr. John Bird for his beautiful repainting of the church notice board.

On Sunday, 6th October, at Junior Church Fellowship, Ann Gresty was presented by the Vicar with a wedding gift (a casserole dish and stand) from the boys and girls of the Sunday School and her fellow-teachers. Ann has done faithful service as a Sunday School teacher, and will be missed in Badsey, but we wish her and John every happiness in their home at Wickhamford.

At the time of writing, Mrs. Harriet Taylor is still in Worcester Royal Infirmary, but seems to be improving. Mrs. Yates of Horsebridge Avenue is in Evesham Hospital. Mr. F. Wheeler has now returned from hospital, also Mrs. Watt after an operation for removal of the gall bladder, Mr. Lionel Knight who has a broken kneecap, and Mr. Forsey who broke some ribs.

Servers for November. 3rd, 8-0 D. Hatherley; 11-0 T. Bell; 6-45 M. Exon. 10th, (Remembrance Sun.), 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 (Parade Service) D. Barrand; 6-45 C. Hartwell. 17th, 8-0 M. Betteridge; 6-45 M. Clements. 24th, 8-0 C. Tucker; 6-45 A. Clements (Server), R. Keen (Crucifer).

War Memorial Flowers. Nov. 10th, Mrs. N. Cook; 17th, Mrs. D. Littlewood; 24th, Mrs. Guise; Dec. 1st, Mrs. Joyce Hewlett.

Acknowledgments. Birthday Halfcrown: Miss K. Tizard. Silver Wedding, 25/-: Peter and Eileen Braby. In loving memory: Rosina Caroline Sparrow £1.

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Christmas Fair in aid of Memorial Hall, Sat., Nov. 23rd

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Holy Baptism

Sept. 29 Martyn David Habbitts; Paul James Mitchell.

Edith May Mason, aged 79, R.I.P.

Mrs. Mason died peacefully at home on 28th September, and cremation took place at Cheltenham on 1st Oct. She was a former Mayoress of Evesham and active in social welfare in Bengeworth. In the last few years she had been an invalid, devotedly nursed by her husband. God grant her rest.

Jottings. Jennifer Boniface (née Newbury) is now in Malaysia, where her husband is stationed in the Army. She is not allowed to work at present, till acclimatised, and has a household servant! Girls, don't dream of being duchesses, but soldiers' wives.

Anniversary Donation. Silver Wedding 25/-: Peter and Eileen Braby.

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